

SACRED HEART SCHOOL, ADDINGTON.

The schoolroom was crowded on Tuesday evening, December 12, when an entertainment of a varied and enjoyable nature was given by the pupils of the Sisters of the Missions. Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., presided and distributed the prizes.

ST. MARY'S COLLEGIATE HIGH SCHOOL, CHRISTCHURCH.

On Friday afternoon, December 15, his Lordship the Bishop presided at the annual entertainment and prize-giving in connection with St. Mary's Collegiate High School, Colombo street, conducted by the Sisters of Mercy. Very Rev. Father Hills, S.M., V.G., Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., and a large number of visiting and local clergy were among the crowded audience. In eulogistic terms his Lordship the Bishop spoke of the successful year's work just closed, complimenting the teachers and pupils on the successful results of their endeavors, and expressed, on behalf of all present, appreciation of the enjoyment afforded in the artistic rendering of the following programme:—Pianoforte duet, 'King Cotton,' Misses Cassin, G. Haughey, M. Simpson, H. Ryan, G. Harding, E. Blogg, D. Goggin, and D. Burns; Masters B. Fringan, H. Moody; (violins), L. Burrow, M. Young, O. Westerberg, J. Morrison; chorus, 'The village bells,' pupils; Indian clubs, senior pupils; pianoforte trio, 'Rondino,' Misses D. Carter, E. Carter, M. Young, M. Barrett, A. Young, D. Young, N. Simley, S. Martin, M. Courtney, Masters B. Fringan, H. Moody, A. O'Brien, L. Vincent, A. Loughnan, M. Simpson; vocal solo, 'There's a land,' Miss L. Wormald; pianoforte duet, 'Valse brillante,' Misses B. Nicholson, D. Goggin, G. Haughey, M. Wood, J. Donnelly, F. McDonald, H. Ryan, W. Barcock, M. Simpson, G. Burns; dance, 'Irish reel,' pupils; pianoforte duet, 'March militaire,' Misses Sunley, M. Sunley, A. Seay, P. Ryan, A. Ryan, M. Young, F. Holmes, G. Moraghan, F. Gerity, M. Morrison; chorus, 'The soldier,' boys; violin solo, 'Minuet,' L. Burrow; dialogue, 'The expected visitors,' senior pupils; pianoforte duet, 'Pax in Serra,' Misses L. Young, M. Moore, V. Wilson, D. Blank, L. Gundry, E. Greig, G. Greig, P. Hollow, E. Couzins, L. Timbrell; chorus, 'God save the King,' pupils.

The following is a synopsis of work done during the year:—On June 6 the pupils were examined by Mr. W. Brock, who said in his report that on the whole the schools made a satisfactory appearance, and gave strong evidence of teaching on enthusiastic lines. On December 6 Mr. Hardie examined the Sixth Standard. Thirteen pupils were presented; twelve obtained proficiency certificates and one competency. During the year candidates were successful in the C. and D. Examinations, also in the Civil Service, Trinity College, and Royal Academy Examinations. At the Art Society's Exhibition the Sisters were awarded first diploma for Limerick lace and Irish crochet. At the Christchurch Literary and Musical Competitions two prizes were awarded to the Sisters' pupils, viz., one for singing and one for music. The examiner for Trinity College recommended the local secretary to award medals for pianoforte playing to two of the Sisters' pupils who obtained the highest marks in Christchurch in their respective grades, and who were exceeded by none in the Dominion.

The exhibition of school work, in which was displayed a splendid collection of all that is useful and artistic, occupied the close attention of numerous visitors. Quite a feature in the bewildering array was the excellent specimens of plain and fancy needlework. Although equally meritorious were the results of other industries and studies.

The following is the prize-list:—

Civil Service Class.—First Christian doctrine, English, French, and arithmetic, M. Young; first good conduct, physiology, and geometry, E. Couzins (medal); first geography, algebra, and drawing, F. Holmes.

Standard VI.—First composition and French, M. Hayward; first diligence and second spelling, P. Ryan; first geography and drawing, S. Sunley; first writing,

second reading, A. Ryan; first history, second geography, M. Petre; first reading, second composition, V. Wilson; first spelling and elocution, T. Ward; first arithmetic and needlework, V. Haigh.

Standard V.—First spelling and elocution, N. Sunley; first French and composition, E. Moraghan; first reading and geography, M. Corrigan; first writing, second spelling, F. Gerity; first arithmetic and drawing, C. Clark; first landscape painting, second geography, A. Kennedy.

Standard IV.—Arithmetic, I. Turner; drawing and writing, Z. Madden; reading and elocution, C. Ward; geography and history, N. Simson; history, grammar, and composition, M. Allen; needlework, M. Young.

Standard III.—Christian doctrine and arithmetic, M. Barrett; good conduct, I. Hayward; geography and history, B. Petre; French, S. Hayward.

Standard II.—French, P. O'Reilly; reading and elocution, G. Holt; needlework, M. Vincent; geography and history, M. Courtney; arithmetic, C. Trolove; grammar, S. Martin; composition, D. Gerity.

Standard I.—Writing, B. Behan; reading, M. Irwin 1, N. Davis 2; spelling, U. McKendry; arithmetic, C. Simson 1, M. Neate 2; diligence, R. McKendry 1, D. King 2; needlework, A. Young.

Preparatory Class.—Spelling, M. Blake; reading, T. Vincent; spelling, K. Cassidy 2; reading, G. Faulks, 2; Kindergarten, N. Burns; arithmetic, H. Barrett; good conduct, J. Thomson.

Fancy needlework, W. Barcock.

Landscape painting, L. Watson.

Music.

Higher Division.—Practical music, F. McDonald 1, J. Donnelly 2.

Advanced Grade.—H. Ryan 1, M. C. Goggin 2, P. Hollow 3.

Intermediate division.—Practical music, B. Kingan.

Junior division.—H. Moody.

Primary Division.—L. Sunley; violin playing, M. Young; theory of music, M. Simpson 1, G. Greig 2, L. Young 3.

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Standard V.—Arithmetic, H. Moody; grammar and composition, G. Thomson.

Standard IV.—Drawing, F. Gerity; spelling, A. O'Brien; Christian doctrine and geography, L. Dobbs; arithmetic, L. Vincent; history, I. Donnelly.

Standard III.—Arithmetic, P. Barrett; spelling, I. Madden.

Standard II.—Christian doctrine and spelling, B. Blake; reading, M. Darby; arithmetic, A. Loughnan 1, C. Hayward 2.

Standard I.—Arithmetic, C. Barnett 1; Christian doctrine, B. Darby; reading, S. O'Brien; spelling, L. Ormandy; good conduct, H. Hayward.

Preparatory Class.—Arithmetic, M. Salter; spelling, S. Barnett; reading, C. Edmonds; writing, L. Madden 1, E. Ward 2; Kindergarten, D. Hayns; politeness, H. Hammond.

The school will re-open on January 29.

ST. JOSEPH'S GIRLS' SCHOOL, CHRISTCHURCH

The annual entertainment and distribution of prizes in connection with St. Joseph's Girls' School, conducted by the Sisters of the Missions, took place on Wednesday afternoon, December 13, in the presence of a large audience. Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., presided, and a number of the clergy were present. The following programme was excellently rendered:—Song, 'The little gipsies,' junior pupils; recitation 'The shore of eternity,' Mary Squire; duet (2 pianos), 'Radiant,' Misses Veronica Berry, Mary Mather, Ida, Bradford, D. Bradford; dialogue, 'Indignant babies,' five little girls; chorus (2 parts), pupils; recitation, 'Faber's exhortation,' Miss Madge Allen; duet (2 pianos), 'The village king,' Misses D. Bradford, I. Bradford, M. Mather, V. Berry; semi-chorus, 'Hold thou my hand,' senior pupils; recitation, 'The cost of duty,' Miss Claire